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Lockdown Edition 2020



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### AGM

Monday 30th September at 7:00 pm  
To be held on Zoom

#### In this meeting:

- The trustees will report back to the members.
- We are asking for nominations for two new trustees. If more than two are nominated, there will be a vote.
- Vote for chairman and officers for the coming year.

Zoom link will be on website two weeks before the AGM.

Nominations for trustee can be emailed to [vote@greatwoodandhorseclose.co.uk](mailto:vote@greatwoodandhorseclose.co.uk) or delivered to the Community Centre. Tel. 07584442776.



### GREATWOOD AND HORSE CLOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Nominations for Trustee to the Residents Association. All nominations must be seconded by another resident on the Estate.

Return completed nomination forms to:

David Walsh, Secretary to the Trustees,  
Greatwood and Horse Close Residents  
Association, Community Centre, North Parade,  
Skipton BD23 2SR

#### NOMINATION FORM FOR TRUSTEE

Person nominated.....

Proposed by:.....

Seconded by:.....

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# NEW LOOK FOR GREATWOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*On the 27th March 2020 all schools in England closed due to COVID19. As you know, our school is at the heart of our community and many Greatwood families were on the front line fighting against COVID19. As a leadership team we made the easy decision to stay open throughout the pandemic, we even opened our doors at weekends to extend our warm welcome to children and families from other local schools who did not have the capacity to remain open. Mrs Smith (our pastoral lead) helped families throughout lockdown with food parcels, breaks from mortgages, help with paying utility bills, sourcing a new cooker for a family, help with prescriptions, 1:1 wellbeing sessions with children, 1:1 parent wellbeing sessions and thousands of telephone calls to families. As always this will continue, and in*

*September we are proud that we will be opening our 'wellbeing hub' where we will run daily 1:1 sessions for children and their families, parent courses and much much more.*

*The staff at Greatwood have once again shown just why Greatwood is such a special place, they always go above and beyond. On average we had daily numbers that ranged from 14 to 30. We then opened more widely on the 1st June to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children and then for our Year 5 children for the last four weeks of term. Parents were extremely supportive and sent well wishes and thank you treats to keep the staff going.*

*The majority of our children continued to access daily online home learning. The Greatwood staff continued to work throughout the day*

*and still provide first class learning for those at home. I must say how proud I am of the parents who continued to 'teach' their children at home, many whom were still working full time! They really do deserve medals.*

*In September we will be joining NSAT (Northern Star Academy Trust) our uniform, logo, website and school signage will look different but we will still be the same Greatwood that we have always been. Our key values of: Respect, Kindness, Teamwork, Happiness, Creativity and Pride will still continue to drive our school underpinned by well built relationships. We are looking forward to welcoming all 250 pupils back in September and cannot wait to get to know our new Nursery and Reception families.*



Hi,

*Many of you will already know me as I've lived and worked on Greatwood & Horseclose Estate for most of my life (almost half a century)*

*I'm lucky enough to have two-part time roles which cover working in this area as outlined below.*

**Community Independence Officer – Yorkshire Housing**

*My new role in Yorkshire housing now covers North and South Craven, so I'm out and about much more than my former role of Community Centre Manager which I still currently cover 5hrs per week.*

*I now work alongside residents on ideas and projects to continue to make our neighbourhoods great places to live, this may include helping to set up resident's groups or social activity groups, working with young people and digital inclusion is a vital part in these current times to reduce isolation.*

*I can also help customer groups apply for grants and recruit volunteers*

**Contact me on 07584 442776 or [karen.mcintyre@yorkshirehousing.co.uk](mailto:karen.mcintyre@yorkshirehousing.co.uk)**

**Community Builder – Community First Yorkshire**

*This Role covers Greatwood and Horseclose and Sutton in Craven and is working in an Asset based Community Development (ABCD) way which in a nutshell is never doing anything for anyone they would be better placed doing themselves.*



*Really looking at what is 'strong' not what's 'wrong in a neighbourhood encouraging community to come together relationship by relationship, strength by strength.*

*I'm hoping to start some Zoom conversations (virtual coffee Mornings) or I'm happy to telephone people for a chat or social distanced walk to hear your story's about Covid 19 especially around your neighbours or street how you've come together to help each other through the pandemic.*

*If your up for a chat/walk/virtual coffee and natter.*

***Please get in touch on 07984 254512 or email on [karen.mcintyre@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:karen.mcintyre@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk)***

## CALLING ALL COOKS

*Have you got a family favourite recipe?*

*Is there something you make when celebrating with your family Or when funds are tight? Would you share it with your community?*

*Might be a pie, a soup, a cake, a favourite biscuit - anything you love to make and would be happy to share how you do it.*

*Please email Janet at [clarkyj44@gmail.com](mailto:clarkyj44@gmail.com) or drop your recipe in at the Community centre .*

*The recipe book will be a limited edition and available to purchase for a pound with all monies being donated to charity.*



*Hello there. I am Revd Ruth Harris the vicar of Christ Church Skipton which is the parish church for our Greatwood and Horseclose estates.*

*We are usually open for services on Sundays and Wednesdays and also have our Toddler Praise on a Wednesday with occasional children's workshops round Easter and Christmas - not forgetting the Christingle of course. Owing to Covid-19, as with the Centre, all of this is not happening at the moment but do look out on our Facebook page for news.*



*I serve as one of the Community Centre trustees and so enjoy hearing about all the activities that usually happen there – though not at the moment.*

*Maybe you have some ideas about how the church can connect more with you on the Estate. If you do please get in touch. If you want to know more about what being a Christian is all about then do get in touch as well.*

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

*Many people are worried or suffering financial hardship and 1 in 3 could be unemployed due to Covid 19.*

### **Craven District Council**

*01756 700600 [contactus@cravencd.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@cravencd.gov.uk) can help with council Tax and housing benefit enquiries they encourage anyone who is struggling to contact them.*

### **Housing and Homelessness**

*If you're having difficulty managing your tenancy or housing costs contact the Housing options team on 01756 706475 or email [housing@cravencd.gov.uk](mailto:housing@cravencd.gov.uk)*

### **Job Centre Plus**

*If you're looking for employment advice visit [www.jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk) or contact Skipton job centre for new claims phone 0800 055 6688 for existing claims call 0800 169 0310 and Universal Credit call 0800 328 9344 or email [skipton.cvservice@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:skipton.cvservice@dwp.gov.uk)*

### **Skipton Food Bank**

*07856 080194 or visit [www.skiptonfoodbank.org](http://www.skiptonfoodbank.org)*



# LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

*Well after a few months in lockdown and now that it is easing, I do look back to the lockdown days with fond memories and have the relief we survived (physically and mentally) as a family and that our family was lucky enough not to catch the coronavirus.*

*Although the lockdown was hard especially in the early days when you could only go to the supermarket for essentials (albeit the shelves were empty with panic buying, but this did calm down after a few weeks) and one hour per day of exercise, along with the worry to contracting the virus and how the country would cope with the lockdown, it was amazing to see how the community had pulled together to help look after and communicate with the vulnerable, whilst they were isolating and helping the food banks to still provide essentials to those that needed it.*

*It was fantastic to see others on their doorstep come 8pm every Thursday evening*

*applauding the NHS and ALL the key workers that helped to keep the country going and keep us all safe during the pandemic. I loved walking around the estate and seeing the posters in people's windows that the children had created to thank those key workers and providing a positive vibe on the estate. It was great to hear of those that pulled together to have their VE Day street party on their own doorsteps too.*

*I also feel the children have handled this pandemic so well and I am so proud of them. They have had months off school and continued their education at home not knowing if they would return to that school year or not. The children that did return to school have managed to stay within their bubble and the parents and guardians had been assured their children's safety were always at the forefront. A massive thank you to Greatwood Community Primary School for their help and organisation to keep our children safe throughout.*

*Especially to those children of key workers that were in Hub throughout the whole pandemic.*

*As a family of four and the fantastic weather we had at the start of the lockdown we spent most of our time in the garden, playing games and entertaining each other. Although there were money worries, we wanted to take full advantage of all being together for so long as we had no idea when everyone would be back at school and work. The hardest part of the lockdown for our family was that my children could not go near or hug their grandparents and could only see them via facetime.*

*That said, it has emphasised how important our family and friends are to us and that you cannot beat face to face communication and that the simple things in life should not be taken for granted.*

*Lets just hope we do not have a second wave of this dreadful virus and that everyone can stay safe and look after each other.*

## SCOFF CAFE

*Hi Scoffers this is an up date on our Covid19 situation. The volunteers have missed not seeing everyone on Wednesdays ( Scoffday ) and hope you have all stayed safe and healthy through this crisis.*

*As we are still in uncertain times and with no set date to be able to open in our usual way, our thoughts are to start up a delivery service.*

*This will need your co-operation and help from*

*our volunteers, the idea is as follows.*

*We will need at least twenty customer each week, this is so we know exactly our costs and set up.*

*We will provide a main course and a pudding at the cost of £4-50.*

*This will then allow us to keep donating to local charities and caring for others less fortunate than ourselves. We have donated thousands of pounds and helped Skipton people since we opened and hope to*

*continue to do so.*

*We hope to start this service early in September and maybe moved to Tuesdays so not to clash with other groups using the centre, as the Crèche also use the centre on Wednesdays.*

*If you are able, keep looking out for updates on Scoff Cafe Facebook page and please inform your friends and neighbours.*

*Keep Safe and Healthy SCOFFERS, from all the volunteers at Scoffs Cafe.*

# SIMBACH CLOSE: BY FAY THORNTON

*Covid Struck and a few weeks went by fast.*

*Then it hit me that Easter weekend was approaching and we needed to do something to mark it or it would be a celebration gone by in the midst of lockdown.*

*I spoke to one of my neighbours, Debra suggesting a cul de sac beverage on Easter Saturday.*

*As I only really knew some neighbours to say hello to, Debra passed on the idea and all where in agreeance. I was then inspired by the cul de sac in Settle doing bingo and though why not?!*

*I printed some free bingo sheets out and off we went on the street.*

*We all sat out chatting and having fun and before we were about to commence bingo, another neighbour,*

*Denise suggested playing for household prizes.*

*This was still around the time that flour, toilet roll and pasta where hard to come by.*

*Needless to say many of these items made their way onto the prize table.*

*Skipton Fire Brigade also brought the children Easter Eggs which had been donated by Morrison's to local Children.*

*We have continued this for the last 14 weeks each weekend playing Bingo, family fortunes, play your cards right, pub and music quizzes.*

*The only thing that's stopped us coming out has been the weather!!*

*It has brought so many of us together and we have*

*got to know each other much better.*

*We Learnt how David didn't have enough Plain flour for his Yorkshire puds. My husband Jonathon knew the paper shop were selling bags, so off he went to buy David the flour he needed. VE day we decided to have a real celebration, a social distanced BBQ. We printed out bunting to colour in and all the children took part in this.*

*I fastened it to a big ball of wool and then we strung it up on the street.*

*Sarah used old pillow cases and made union jack bunting. Extended families came along too and joined in with the bingo at a social distanced way.*

*The weekly meet ups have helped a lot of people. Rachel 1 lives alone and Rachel 2 Lives with her daughter Libby (we have very fondly given them their numbers to identify them for winners at bingo etc.)*

*They have found the weekends helped them a lot with the loneliness that lockdown brought at times.*

*Lee has worked throughout lockdown; our weekends were something for him to look forward to with him also being chief printer of anything we have needed for the get togethers.*

*Denise was self-isolating, but loved the weekends of fun. Her sisters Lynn and Jackie also joined us from a social distance.*

*Tony puts prizes out for bingo, but he is more than happy to just listen to us all.*



*It really has brought us together and we are now a "big happy family"*

*We have said even after Covid we would love to continue our weekend gatherings even if it's just once a month.*

*All the neighbours clubbed together and bought us flowers a couple of weeks ago, I was really pleased but I just wanted to bring everyone together. All the neighbours coming out each week make it what it is not myself and Jonathon.*



## **COVID19 LOCKDOWN 2020: MY STORY BY RAY MARFELL**

*I had been diagnosed with Prostrate Cancer in 2019 and was waiting for my Radiation treatment to start. Fortunately I was able to proceed with my treatment even though Lockdown had begun. I had to drive through to St. James Hospital five days a week for four weeks. This was an hours drive there and back plus approximately two hours in the hospital.*

*The drive was okay and I was able to admire the scenery and wildlife on my journey there and back, with lockdown there was very little traffic on the roads. But the treatment took its toll and left me tired and with a weak bladder, which meant constantly having to use the toilet, sleep at night disturbed by waking up to go to the bathroom up to six or seven times. This took its toll on me mentally and physically. I had to self quarantine as I was vulnerable to catching Covid19, so I was unable*

*to proceed with my life as I normally did.*

*I had help from Dianna and offers of help from the community, but being a proud man and spending my time generally helping others I could not accept the offers as I thought I was a burden to others.*

*If you like my sanity was saved through playing Quiz Planet, Word Blitz and other games on my mobile phone and Facebook provided contact with others, posting Dad Jokes which I know made people groan, that is why I continue to do so, if you know me its my sense of humour LOL.*

*My main gratitude goes out to my Scoff Cafe Buddies especially Jeff and John who are keen walkers and cyclists. They have kept in touch regularly and when out on their exercise would go out of their way to pass my bungalow and stop for a social distance chat and banter. Their care*

*and selflessness gave me something to look forward to and helped my recovery, Although I am still trying to keep social distancing they still visit regularly. Also Janet who organised a delivery of goodies to all our Scoff Cafe regulars and bought me a "sunshine plant for my garden".*

*My treatment has ended and a month or so on I have had a follow up blood test and thankfully the treatment has worked, I have to take extra care and be extra vigilant, but hopefully normality is not far away. With good fortune and the pandemic under control we may be able to re-open Scoff Cafe in the not to distant future.*

*My message to you all is "TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELVES AND YOUR LOVED ONES, BE KIND AND COURTEOUS TO EVERYONE" remember everyone needs someone to look out and care for them.*

# WHAT ABOUT A YOUTH COUNCIL FOR SKIPTON SOUTH?



**ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11 AND 18?  
LET'S HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY!**

## THE GREATWOOD AND HORSECLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG's) are inviting you to join our team and become Skipton Souths youth council members. We want to hear your thoughts on current issues and activities affecting young people of this area. Take control of the way society sees young people today and build a community of enthusiastic young individuals.

### **Q. What's the Skipton South ward?**

A. Skipton south includes all of Greatwood and horse close from Keighley Road around to the town centre and up Newmarket Street. If you have questions regarding location, please get in touch via the contact information below.

### **Q. How can I find out more information?**

A. You can contact us via the following details:

NAGS email: [ghneighbourhoodactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:ghneighbourhoodactiongroup@gmail.com)

NAGS Facebook group - Greatwood and Horseclose Neighbourhood Action Group.

You can also contact the youth council lead Jade Robinson via email: [jrobinson@craven-college.ac.uk](mailto:jrobinson@craven-college.ac.uk)

### **Q. What will the youth council look like?**

A. It will look however you want it to. Create your own name, plan your own activities, build a better community and have your voice heard. Examples of what you could get involved with are:

- Raising awareness of issues on the ward and finding solutions
- Fundraising to build a better neighbourhood
- Running activities for young people living on the estate
- Gaining invaluable skills and qualities through training
- And much more...



We are pleased to let you know we have support from NAG's, Estate Committee, Yorkshire Housing and FutureHY in the building of the youth council.

## WHO ARE WE?

We are FutureHY and we deliver a national programme aimed to support young people in making well-informed decisions about their future education.

We are working with Greatwood and Horseclose Community Centre to provide accessible advice and guidance for families and carers about apprenticeships and University and the next steps to take.

## WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

- Do you have worries about a young person in your household's university application?
- Are you concerned that they are moving away from home for the first time?
- Do you have questions regarding student finance?
- Do you know a young person who has already started university and might be reconsidering their choice?
- Provide you with information and resources about student life and the benefits of going to university.



We can answer your questions and give you advice on the next steps and best options available.

## HOW DO YOU ACCESS THIS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE?

If you would like to book a chat with your resident Outreach Assistant, Jade Robinson, please contact [jrobinson@craven-college.ac.uk](mailto:jrobinson@craven-college.ac.uk) or message the NAGS facebook group: Greatwood and Horseclose Neighbourhood Action Group.

This is an appointment-only service.

# DO YOU NEED 1-1 SUPPORT TO HELP YOU MOVE CLOSER TO EMPLOYMENT?

If the answer is YES, then our projects could be just the thing for you!

*Positive Progressions and Action Towards Inclusion offer long-term support to help you gain the skills and confidence you need to make it easier for you to move into employment or further training.*

*You will work with your own personal mentor who will help you identify your needs and support you in reaching your individual goals.*

*We can support you with confidence building and wellbeing, vocational training, managing finances and debt advice, employability skills, volunteering and work experience, sourcing childcare, household management and development in maths and English.*

*Interested?*

*Then call us for a chat on 01756 693306*

*or text us on 07912 745959*

*or email [projects@craven-college.ac.uk](mailto:projects@craven-college.ac.uk)*

## GREATWOOD YOUTH CLUB

*Greatwood Youth Club and the Youth Mentor have all moved to a virtual offer.*

*Youth Club has focused on fun games, activities and quizzes with various topics from films to music to sports to world knowledge!*

*We have had lots of ideas about how to promote this to other young people and to increase numbers attending each week.*

*We have been having lots of conversations about moving up to secondary school and returning to school in September as well.*

*And of course, we've been having lots of talks about how lockdown and COVID19 has changed things for us and made us worry more.*

*We will be continuing with our video youth clubs over the summer holidays so if you'd like to get involved contact Greatwood Youthclub on Facebook or call / message Laura on 07387101639 or email [laura@nyy.org.uk](mailto:laura@nyy.org.uk)*

## LITTLE FEET CRECHE

**Places Available September!!**



*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am till 11am all year-round including school holidays. £8.00 per session. All staff are DBS checked. Snacks will be provided.*

*Activities include free play, arts and crafts, educational toys, rhyme time, storey time plus many more. For more details or any queries email [littlefeetcreche@mail.com](mailto:littlefeetcreche@mail.com), message us on our Facebook page or phone 07725075328.*

# NEW PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR UNPAID WOMEN CARERS IN CRAVEN

Carers' Resource has set up a new group for unpaid women carers who live in the Craven district and who may feel they don't fit the usual Carers' Resource support groups.

The group is:

- for women who don't identify as 'elderly' and don't want the traditional lunch clubs,
- for women who may be caring for adult children with a disability or mental health issue but they feel they don't fit in with the "younger parent carer" groups.
- for women who may be caring for their work aged partner
- for women who may be balancing employment

- with their caring role?
- for women who are balancing caring for younger children and older parents (the 'sandwich generation')
- for women who do want to connect with others of a similar age/situation, who would welcome the varied means of communication and connection with others.

This group benefits from a WhatsApp support group, online video calls, monthly meet ups in either Settle or Skipton, and support from a Carers' Resource Locality Worker.

Carers can refer themselves in to the group or can be referred in by a support

worker/agency. On referral Debi Hawkins, Carers' Resource Locality Worker will make contact with them and explain how the group works and the benefits of the group.

If Carers are not already registered with Carers' Resource that doesn't matter, Debi will organise that and then link the carer to the locality worker who covers their geographical location. They do also get support from Debi as I am a link to the group.

If you would like to know more about the group please do get in touch with me.

[dhawkins@carersresource.org](mailto:dhawkins@carersresource.org) or 01756 700888.

*It goes without saying that the past few months have been testing and challenging for everyone. Unsettling times with an uncertain future at the moment. A new way of living and wearing masks is the new normal. I know different folk have struggled for many different reasons, it has been unprecedented times and none of us have been through anything like this before.*

*From a policing point of view it has been interesting to say the least, we have seen the best and worst of people, the good, the bad and the ugly. We have seen communities come together and step up when needed, looking out for folk who fall in to the vulnerable categories. As always, residents of Greatwood and Horseclose have shown their community spirit in all its glory. I never doubted they would do.*

*During lockdown general crime figures dropped as no one was out and about and it wasn't as easy for criminals to either disappear or blend in. We did see an increase in Mental Health which was not surprising at all, anxiety levels rose and people had much more time on their hands, loneliness played a big part in this increase too.*

*There was also an increase in Domestic incidents, again not surprising as families were together 24 / 7, not always a good thing. The pressures of everyday life increase, pressures of not being able to work leading to not being able to pay bills, the pressure of having the children home all day and trying to do home-schooling. Getting them to do homework is hard enough!*

*North Yorkshire Police are one of the forces that have issued the highest number*

*of Covid-19 tickets, not something we are proud of as such, but we have followed the 4 E's approach –*

**Engage  
Explain  
Encourage  
Enforce**

*We can only try our best and if people chose to ignore the first 3 E's we were left with no option.*

*On a more positive note we are all in this together, we as in Skipton Police will continue to work with our communities to try and steady these rocky times.*

**101 – Non-Emergency  
999 – Emergency**

Stay Safe  
Pcso 3580 Ruth Pearson



## **VOLUNTEER ROLE ESTATE ECHO EDITOR**

*The Estate Echo is the free magazine for the Greatwood & Horseclose Estate circulated three times per year. We are now looking for a volunteer Editor to coordinate content and distribution for each edition.*

*You don't have to write the magazine, just put it together! With support from the Community Centre Manager, the Estate Echo Editor will:*

- Keep in contact with regular magazine contributors and help find new contributors*
- Collate the articles and other magazine content into the final edition ready for printing*
- Assist with the promotion and distribution of the magazine via social media (optional)*

*This voluntary role is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in community news and events and has basic IT skills.*

*Further training is available!*